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MEXICAN METHAMPHETAMINE KINGPIN SENTENCED

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that IVAN REA, a/k/a Oscar Camacho-Diaz, a/k/a Michoacan, 34, Indianapolis, Indiana was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his conviction at trial. Judge McKinney sentenced REA to life imprisonment without parole. REA, along with co-defendant Jose Luis Medina, was convicted of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. REA was also convicted of engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise. This case was the result of a fifteen-month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Marshal's Service, Metro Drug Task Force, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Indiana State Police, Vigo County Drug Task Force, Vincennes Police Department, Linton Police Department, Clay County Sheriff's Department, and Parke County Sheriff's Department.

Trial testimony established that REA directed the activities of a large-scale methamphetamine trafficking organization that operated along the Interstate 70 corridor from Indianapolis to Terre Haute from August 2005 through February 20, 2007. During that time period, REA received approximately 40 pounds of methamphetamine from his sources in Denver, Colorado every two weeks. REA directed some of his methamphetamine trafficking associates to "cut" the methamphetamine with dimethylsulfone, a horse feeding supplement commonly used to cut methamphetamine. REA typically cut each shipment of methamphetamine that he received from Denver with at least 40 pounds of dimethylsulfone, resulting in a total product of 80 pounds. REA used drug runners to distribute the methamphetamine to distributors who worked for him in Indianapolis. REA's distributors, in turn, dealt the methamphetamine to other dealers along the Interstate 70 corridor. REA's organization distributed over 3,000 pounds of methamphetamine during the course of the conspiracy.

Medina served as one of REA's principal dealers in Indianapolis. Trial testimony established that Medina received approximately three pounds of methamphetamine per week from REA. Medina initially operated a tire store located on West Washington Street in Indianapolis. When Medina ran into difficulty paying his methamphetamine debt to REA, REA

took over the store from Medina, renamed it “El Diamante Tire Shop,” and reopened it. “El Diamante” translates from Spanish to English as “the Diamond.” Trial testimony established that REA named the shop “El Diamante,” because the physical appearance diamonds resembles methamphetamine and that REA had become wealthy selling methamphetamine.

During the investigation, DEA traced the following seizures of methamphetamine to the REA organization:

- 265.3 grams (approximately 9 ounces) seized from a traffic stop of Seferino Rodriguez at the 1100 block of South White River Parkway, Indianapolis, on February 13, 2006;
- 303.8 grams (approximately 11 ounces) seized during the execution of a search warrant at the residence of Donald Pruett, 14000 block of Willow Grove Avenue, Clinton, Indiana, on August 17, 2006;
- 430.7 grams (approximately 1 pound) seized from a traffic stop of Pablo Chavez in Clinton on August 17, 2006;
- 167.3 grams (approximately 5.5 ounces) seized from William Schatz and Brian Smith at the Howard Johnson’s motel in Brazil, Indiana on January 25, 2007;
- 441 grams (approximately 1 pound) seized from a vehicle used by Brian Smith at the intersection of Hulman and South 4th Streets in Terre Haute on January 25, 2007;
- 2 grams seized during the execution of a search warrant at the residence of Jason Swearingen, 5500 block of South State Road 59, Rockville, Indiana on August 25, 2006
- 0.44 grams seized during the execution of a search warrant at the residence of Terri Sawyer, Clifton Road, Richmond, Indiana on November 17, 2006
- 437.4 grams (approximately 1 pound) seized during a controlled purchase from Jose Nunez at the El Diamante Tire Shop on West Washington Street, Indianapolis, on February 20, 2007;
- 866.0 grams (approximately 2 pounds) seized from a traffic stop of Jose Nunez near the El Diamante Tire Shop on February 20, 2007;
- 6,541 grams (approximately 15 pounds) seized during the execution of a search warrant at the residence of Jose Nunez and Edgar Badillo-Rangel, 3100 block of North Gerrard Avenue, Indianapolis, on February 20, 2007;
- 56.5 grams (approximately 2 ounces) seized during a controlled purchase from Lori Stewart in Jasonville, Indiana on March 10, 2007;
- 390.79 grams (approximately 14 ounces) seized during the execution of a search warrant at the residence of William Dunlop, 29000 block of Mooresville Road, Indianapolis, on March 13, 2007;
- 0.14 grams seized during the execution of a search warrant at the residence of Chuck Wilson, 4612 West County Road 1400 block of South, Jasonville, Indiana on March 15, 2007;

- 27.9 grams (approximately 1 ounce) seized during a controlled purchase from Steven Nicholas in Linton, Indiana on March 15, 2007;
- 233.4 grams (approximately 7.5 ounces) seized from a search at the residence of Steven Nicholas, 400 block of North Road, Lyons, Indiana on March 15, 2007.

All of the subjects of the above-referenced seizures were prosecuted and convicted in federal court in the Southern District of Indiana, with the exception of William Dunlop, who was prosecuted and convicted in the Marion County court.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Bradley A. Blackington prosecuted the case for the government.

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